

2006 Syracuse Press Club Professional Recognition Awards

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CLUB AWARDS

Bliven-Ganley-Rossi Career Achievement Award:

Anne Richter, *WWNY-TV*
Timothy Bunn, *The Post-Standard*

Selwyn Kershaw Professional Standards Award:

John Lammers, *The Post-Standard*
Christie Casciano, *WSYR-TV*
Daniel Lovell, *Eagle Newspapers*

Philip A. Hofmann President's Award for Best News Source:

Ann Hyatt, *Wegmans*

A. Brohmann Roth Newcomer Award:

Jennifer Lewke, *WSYR-TV*
Douglass Dowty, *The Post-Standard*
Jason Holder, *WSTM-TV*

Bernard and Dorothy Newer Service Award for Member Contribution to the Syracuse Press Club:

Ann Nagle

NEWSLETTER

Judges: San Diego Press Club

Best Newsletter : Larry Martin and Evelyn D. Walker, "Syracuse Manuscript," Office of Program Development, Syracuse University.

Judges comments: "Well-written articles expertly targeted to audience. Attractive layout"

Second Place Newsletter : "Your Care", Crouse Hospital Communications.

MAGAZINE

Judges: San Diego Press Club

Best Magazine : Syracuse University Magazine, "Eyes on the World," Syracuse University.

Judges comments: "Comprehensive, topical and first rate subject matter. A great representation of this university."

Second Place Magazine : Martin Walls, "Making Music," *Bentley-Hall Inc.*

WEB SITE

Judges: San Diego Press Club

Best News Web Site : Diane Rutherford, Scott Atkinson, "wwnytv.net", *WWNY-TV*.

Judges comments: "Impressive and progressive News site with a great mix of local, national and international news."

Second Place Web Site : Ken Jackson, Daniel Lovell, "www.urbancny.com," *UrbanCNY*.

Judges comments: "Clean design with lots of useful information.."

Best Institutional/Promotional Web Site : Martin Walls, "MakingMusicMag.com", *Bentley Hall Inc.*

Judges' comments: "Clean, well designed site with lots of good information on making music."

Second Place Institutional Web Site : Kevin Lucas, Ann Nagle, "most.org," *Museum of Science and Technology*

Judges' comments: "Fun site with lots to do."

DAILY

Judges: Press Club of Dallas

Best Daily Spot News Story: Delen Goldberg, Mike Fish, "Boy, 5, Weighing 15 Pounds Found in Cortland Drug Bust," *The Post-Standard*.

Judges' comments: "A heartbreaking story, well done."

Second Place Daily Spot News Story: The Auburn Citizen Staff, "Bombardier Closing", *The Auburn Citizen*.

Best Daily Investigative Story: Kristina Martino, "Asbestos Investigation", *The Auburn Citizen*.

Second Place Daily Investigative Story: Debbie Swartz, "Owego Nursing Home Fined", Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin.

Best Daily News Feature: Kristina Martino, Amaris Elliott-Engel, "Citizen," *The Auburn Citizen*.

Second Place Daily News Feature: Doug Schneider , "Securing Your Identity", *Press & Sun Bulletin*.

Best Daily Human Interest Feature: Diana LaMattina, "They Saved Each Others Lives", *The Post-Standard*.

Second Place Daily Human Interest Feature: Elizabeth Doran, "After 10 Surgeries, He's Home for the Holidays," *The Post-Standard*.

Best Daily Sports Story: Ryan Day, "Doubledays Baseball", *The Auburn Citizen*.

Second Place Daily Sports Story: Donnie Webb, "Little Big Man on Campus", *The Post Standard*.

Judge: David Foran, Milwaukee Press Club

Robert Haggart Memorial Award for Best Daily Newspaper Column: Sean Kirst, "For some reason, this is the day to go," *The Post-Standard*.

Judge's comments: "Kirst handles a difficult subject directly but sensitively. For those in abusive relationships, the column makes clear why it might be time to get out.."

Second Place Daily Newspaper Column: Bud Poliquin, "Playing Catch Among Legends," *The Post-Standard*.

Judge's comments: "A nicely written piece that brings to a small boy (and to the paper's readers) important lessons that baseball and some of its nearly forgotten pioneers provided."

Judges: San Diego Press Club

Best Daily Front Page Design: Al Vieira, Eric Coker, Chris Kocher, John Catlett, Press & Sun Bulletin.

Second Place Daily Front Page Design: Autumn Heep, "Autumn's Front Page Designs," *The Post Standard*.

NON-DAILY

Judges: Press Club of Dallas

Non-Daily Spot News Story: None awarded.

Best Non-Daily Investigative Story: Carol Thompson, "A Rabbi, A Priest and a Blonde," *The Valley News*.

Second Place Non-Daily Investigative Story: Martha E. Conway, "County Supervisors Reimbursement Questioned," *Eagle Newspapers*.

Best Non-Daily News Feature: Martha E. Conway, "What Lies Beneath," *Eagle Newspapers*.

Second Place Non-Daily News Feature: Sarah Hall, "Scandal in the Schools", *Eagle Newspapers*.

Best Non-Daily Human Interest Feature: Erin Smith, "Remembering a Forgotten History," *Eagle Newspapers*.

Second Place Non-Daily Human Interest Feature: Martha E. Conway, "After Journey Into Darkness," Eagle Newspapers.

Best Non-Daily Sports Story: *Phil Blackwell*, "Ludden Ends Drought", Eagle Newspapers.

Second Place Non-Daily Sports Story: Justin Park, "The Soldiers' Story," *Syracuse New Times*.

Non-Daily Front Page Design: None awarded.

Judge: David Foran, Milwaukee Press Club

Best Non-Daily Column: Tom Wanamaker, "Zoo Politics", Eagle Newspapers.

Judge's comments: "Excellent use of metaphor and irony to illustrate the writer's frustration and anger (reflecting the feelings of many Americans) toward political campaigns."

Second Place Non-Daily Column: Kenneth Jackson, "The Black Church on the 'Down Low'," *Urban CNY*.

Judge's comments: " Jackson tackles the issue of AIDs and churches head on. The piece makes the case clearly and forthrightly that intervention and strong action by those who have influence in the community are necessary to stop the spread of the deadly disease."

SPECIAL INTEREST

Judges: Press Club of Dallas

Special Interest Category Investigative Story: None awarded.

Best Special Interest Category News Feature: Luke Eggleston, "Abraham's Children," *The Catholic Sun*

Second Place Special Interest Category News Feature: David Marc, SU Magazine Staff, "Outward Bound", *Syracuse University Magazine*.

Best Special Interest Category Human Interest Feature: Kathleen Haley, "Testimony of Hope", *Syracuse University Magazine*.

Second Place Special Interest Category Human Interest Feature: Connie Cissell, "Hope & Healing", *The Catholic Sun*.

Special Interest Category Sports Story: None awarded.

Special Interest Category Front Page Design: None awarded.

Judge: David Foran, Milwaukee Press Club

Best Special Interest Category Column: Jay Cox, "The Way We Were", *Syracuse University Magazine*.

Judge's comments: "Column offers a thoughtful reminder of the value of investing in teachers and other educational resources."

Second Place Special Interest Category Column: None awarded.

GENERAL PRINT CATEGORY

Judges: David Foran, Milwaukee Press Club

Best Print Editorial: Rebecca Goldstein Kahn, "Let's Write to Keep Church and State Separate," *The Reporter*.

Judges comments: "Piece is well reasoned, thoughtful and persuasive argument."

Second Place Print Editorial: Jeremy Boyer, "Mayor's Move Deprives City," *The Auburn Citizen*.

Judges comments: "Makes a strong case for conducting a comprehensive search for Auburn's next manager."

Best Print Critique: Wayne Myers, "A Very Model of Pirates of Penzance," *Oneida Daily Dispatch*.

Judges comment: "Very sharp and funny. I enjoyed reading this entry. It made me want to see the show."

Second Place Print Critique: Ellen Leahy, "Ben Taylor, luva in a gangsta world," Eagle Newspapers.

Best Print Headlines: Mark Murphy, *The Post Standard*.

Judges comments: "Well crafted words by a master that work well to draw readers to the story."

Second Place Print Headlines: Wayne Myers, "Myth-ed Opportunity," *Oneida Daily Dispatch*.

GRAPHICS

Judges: Cleveland Press Club and Ohio State Press Club
(Judges did not provide comments.)

Carl Single Memorial Award for Best Spot News Photo: Jason Rearick, "Accident," *The Auburn Citizen*.

Second Place Spot News Photo: None awarded.

Best Feature Photo: Ikuru Kuwajima, "Tiny Newborns," *The Post-Standard*

Second Place Feature Photo: Jennifer Myers, "Farewell Kiss," *The Post-Standard*

Best Photo Essay: Paul Finch, "Marching For Life", *Catholic Sun*

Second Place Photo Essay: Dennis Nett, "They Save Each Others' Lives", *The Post-Standard*

Best Color Photo: Paul Finch, "Christmas Tree 06", *Catholic Sun*

Second Place Color Photo: John Berry, "Child Bounces," *The Post-Standard*

Best Sports Photo: Michael Davis, "Downed Boxer", *Syracuse New Times*

Second Place Sports Photo: Dennis Nett, "Gerry's Tearful Embrace," *The Post-Standard*

Best Scenic Photo: Michael Davis, "Amish Boy," *Syracuse New Times*

Second Place Scenic Photo: David Lassman, "Adirondack Sunrise", *The Post-Standard*

Best Photo Illustration: Autumn Heep, "Saint?Sinner?," *The Post-Standard*

Second Place Photo Illustration: David Lassman, "Speed Cleaning," *The Post-Standard*

Best Portrait: Frank Ordonéz, "Home Grown", *The Post Standard*

Second Place Portrait: Rebecca Towns, "Tier Takes Hit From Flash Floods," *Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin*.

Cartoon: None awarded.

Technical Illustration: None awarded.

Best Art Illustration: Phil McAndrew, "7 Deadly Sins of Fair," *The Post-Standard*

Second Place Art Illustration: Michael Hagerty, "Peace Dove," *Syracuse New Times*

Third Place Art Illustration: Hillarie Chamberlain, "From CNY With Love," *The Catholic Sun*

RADIO

Judges: Houston Press Club; KUHF Radio

Best Radio Spot News Coverage: Dave Bullard, Chris Weidman, Andrea Friedman, Kathy Denman, "Wind Storm," *WSYR Radio*.

Second Place Radio Spot News Coverage: WRVO Staff, "Election 2006 News Break," *WRVO Stations*.

Best Radio Investigative Story: Erin Covey, "Handicapped Hardships", *WSYR Radio*.

Judge's comments: "Covey's was truly investigative. She discovered a problem, did some digging and developed a series of stories. Nice job and a deserved best in category.(The other submissions, while all good stories, did not, in our opinion, meet the definition of investigative story and would have been worthy contenders in news feature or series.)"

Second Place Radio Investigative Story: None awarded.

Best Radio News Feature: Chris Ulanowski, "Kid Drivers", *WRVO Stations*

Judge's comments: "Very well done."

Second Place Radio News Feature: Chris Ulanowski, "Camp Healing Hearts," *WRVO Stations*.

Best Radio Human Interest Feature: Alastair Ingram, "Team-Building at Fort Drum", *WAER*.

Judge's comments: "What a great story! The writing, together with use of actualities and nat sound, was fresh, engaging and fun. The elements draw the listener in. I really enjoyed it!"

Second Place Radio Human Interest Feature: Jim Beebe, "Ultralight," *WSYR Radio*.

Judge's comments: "Sharp, tight use of nats to tell a story. Great job of conveying sense of place and story in less than a minute!"

Best Radio Sports Story: Elizabeth Christensen, "Turning Stone Golf", *WRVO Stations*.

Judge's comments: "Solid sports reporting. Reporter was very thorough. The two-part series allowed the reporter to explore different aspects of the story."

Second Place Radio Sports Story: Ryan Messick, "Cradle of Coaches," *WAER*

Judge's comments: "Very interesting subject matter. Reporter used a nice array of sources to tell the story of the "Cradle of Coaches". Nice voice work as well."

Radio Sports Show: None awarded.

Radio Sportscast: None awarded.

Best Radio Mini-Series: Ellen Abbott, " Medicare Part-D: Prescription for a Mess," *WSYR Radio*.

Judge's comments: " The reporter's use of a snappy and engaging intro immediately captures the attention of the listener. Solid information and actualities from a wide variety of sources bring understanding to a complicated topic. Altogether, an outstanding look at the issues surrounding Medicare Part-D."

Second Place Radio Mini-Series: Amanda Loder, Chris Bolt, "Prostitution: Profile, Problems, Reactions," *WAER*.

Best Radio Newscast: Chris Weidman & WSYR Radio Staff, "WSYR 7 AM Report -- The 2006 Vote" 11/8/06; *WSYR Radio*.

Judge's comments: " Well rounded coverage that provided complete information about election results."

Second Place Radio Newscast: Chris Ulanowski, Fred Vigeant, "Then & Now," *WRVO Stations*.

Best Radio Documentary: Mark Lavonier, "America's Sung Hero", *WRVO Stations*.

Judge's comments: "His documentary delivered as promised. It told story and filled in the all too wide gaps in what we know of Paul Robeson. It was informative and very listenable. What more can one expect from a radio story?"

Second Place Radio Documentary: WRVO Staff, "Then and Now," *WRVO Stations*.

Radio Public Affairs: None awarded.

Best Radio Special Program: Mark Lavonier, "Wind of the Wurlitzer", *WRVO Stations*.

Judge's comments: " Great use of sound and wonderful pacing."

Second Place Radio Special Program: Mark Lavonier, "Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits", *WRVO Stations*.

Judge's comments: "Great little feature, utilizing a short phone interview and making the most of it with the added sound."

TELEVISION

Judges: Los Angeles Press Club

Best Television Spot News Story: Kevin Torres, Steve Leeper, "Oneida Fire," *WSYR-TV*

Second Place Television Spot News Story: News 10 Staff, "Officer Corr Shooting", *News 10 Now*.

Best Television Investigative Story: Carrie Lazarus, Mike Brown. Jim Kearns, "State of Emergency", *WSYR-TV*.

Second Place Television Investigative Story: Joleene DesRosiers , "Police Officers Double Dipping", *News 10 Now*.

Best Television News Feature: Kane Farabaugh, "Leg of War", *WSYR-TV*.

Judges' comments: "An exceptional piece of feature reporting and photojournalism. The story aired an excellent job of showing us Sergeant Swank yesterday and today. The copy didn't make us feel sorry for him -- just proud. It could have called for pity -- it didn't. There was obviously close teamwork between the photojournalist and reporter in this case. There was a constant effective use of pictures and natural sound. The pictures from Afghanistan certainly gave the story a little more weight. But it would've been an excellent story even without that. The important thing is the dignity and honor Sergeant Swank deserves. The story is not overwritten. It lets the words and the action of the subject make the story work. The reporter's standup is thoughtful and natural in its position. This feature definitely did that. It certainly deserves to be entered in NPPA competition as well as Press Club competition. If there was a best in show category, this reporter and piece deserves it."

Second Place Television News Feature: Kristin Donnelly , "H.W. Smith School: A Melting Pot," *WTVH*

Judges' comments: "This was a nice feature. A person in Syracuse would be likely to be surprised there was a school like this in their city. The stories and some of the children sad and heartbreaking. This was a story that should have been done, and it was done pretty well."

Best Television Human Interest Feature: Steve Flamish, "Pop Warner Pride," *WTVH*

Second Place Television Human Interest Feature: Tom Walters, "Red Cross 911 Real Heroes," *News 10 Now*.

Best Television Sports Story: Kevin Maher, "Who's the Favorite?" *WTVH*.

Second Place Sports Story (tie):

Jon Alhart, "Katelyn's Battle," *WSYR-TV*

Steve Vesey, "Cross Country," *WETM-TV*

Best Television Sports Show: Kevin Maher, Craig Thomas, Chris Barrus, "Buffalo Bills Tailgate Show", *WTVH*.

Second Place Television Sports Show: Lou Gulino, Hank Mahaffy, John Evenson, Jessob Reisbeck, Brian Feldman, Justin Kraemer, "Thunder at the Glen," *WSTM-TV*.

Best Television Mini-Series: Bill Carey, Tom Walters, "9/11 Five Years Later," *News 10 Now*.

Second Place Television Mini-Series (tie):

Jim Kenyon, Andy Wolf, "Medical Mishap", *WSTM-TV*

Kane Farabaugh, Scott Irving, "Officer Joe Corr," *WSYR-TV*

Kelly McPherson, Mike Brown, "One-Day Getaways," *WSYR-TV*.

Best Television Documentary: *WSYR-TV* staff, "License to Live," *WSYR-TV*.

Second Place Television Documentary: Tracy DuFlo, "The Antique Boat Museum," *WPBS-TV*.

Best Television Public Affairs Program: Jeff Cole, "Project 7," *WWNY-TV*

Second Place Television Public Affairs Program: Tracy DuFlo, Don Alexander, Gerry Coleman, George Haley, "WPBS Live," *WPBS-TV*

Best Television Special Program: Tim Fox, Jim Beebe, "The ABC's of the Jazz Festival", WSYR-TV.
Second Place Television Special Program: Laura Hand, Andy Wolf, Brendon Fontanella, "State Fair," WSTM-TV.

Best Television Photography: Jason Makay, "Fallen Trooper," WTVH.
Second Place Television Photography: Mike Brown, "Soup Kitchen," WSYR-TV.

Best Television Photo Essay: John Lisi, "Church Essay," WSYR-TV.
Second Place Television Photo Essay: Matt White, News 10 Now.

Best Television News Promotion: Steve Christensen, Brendon Fontanella, "News Special Reports," WSTM-TV.
Second Place Television News Promotion: Sean McNamara, Brendon Fontanella, Steve Christensen, "Experience", WSTM-TV.

Best Television Sportscast: WSYR-TV, 2/17/06
Second Place Television Sportscast: None awarded.

Best Television Newscast: WSYR-TV Staff, "Flooding Day," WSYR-TV.
Judges' comments: "This newscast had a purpose -- tell people about the bad weather they all had seen or heard about. It lived up to this well. The reporters covered the bases very well. They did a great job showing us what the water had been like earlier in the day when the flooding was at its peak. The information crawled across the bottom of the screen, which sometimes can be annoying, was in this case effective."
Second Place Television Newscast: WSYR-TV Staff, 8/10/2006 5 PM Newscast, WSYR-TV
Judges' comments: " This is a well done newscast. The use of props by both anchors and reporters in the field was very effective in demonstrating what was being examined."